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Financial Assistance for Innocent Victims of Violent Crime

Kentucky **Crime Victims Compensation Board**



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Letter from the executive director

Since assuming my role as executive director in May 2009, I can report on behalf of the Board and entire staff of the Crime Victims Compensation Board that we have worked diligently to provide assistance to innocent victims of crime within the Commonwealth.

Although budget cuts and reallocations have frozen our ability to hire any new full-time employees, I can attest that we have done everything possible to adapt to our increasing work load through cross training, reallocation of work plans and the use of temporary workers.

We have refocused our efforts to become as cost-effective as possible, instituting paperless transmissions, acceptance of scanned documents, reformatted claim forms, and new user-friendly brochures.

Through our national contacts, we are researching the development of a data tracking system that will provide additional cost savings, as well as enhance our ability to compete with verified data and accurate reporting in this current grant-driven environment.

Interface with national leaders underlined the glaring need to create a better understanding within Kentucky of the mission and responsibility of the Crime Victims Compensation Board. To that end, we are hosting this agency's first conference, in June 2010, to bring partners from judiciary, prosecution, victims advocacy, healthcare and probation/parole under one roof to discuss how we can work more cooperatively to support assistance to innocent victims of violent crimes.

Finally, we have reviewed our current statutes to identify areas requiring revision or update, such as increasing the caps on funeral expenses to \$6500 and lost wages to \$300 per week, and amending mental health counseling payment from two years to two years cumulative, to allow for the gaps that sometimes occur in mental health treatment following a violent crime.

Sincerely,



Virginia L. Woodward



A brief agency history / description



As a matter of grace...

The national Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) passed in 1984, and through the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), began disseminating the first assistance grants to the states in 1986. By then, Kentucky's Crime Victims Compensation Board (CVCB) was already more than a decade old. Established during the administration of Gov. Julian Carroll, on June 19, 1976 (KRS 346), the CVCB was one of the country's first such entities with jurisdiction to assign relief for claims made by innocent victims of crime for payment or reimbursement of medical expenses, mental health counseling, funeral expenses and loss of wages resulting directly from the crime.

The Crime Victims Compensation Fund is considered the payer of last resort. In other words, the Board only considers payment of expenses not covered by any other sources, including medical, car or life insurance; social security benefits; Medicaid or Medicare; unemployment benefits; or Worker's Compensation benefits; lawsuits and restitution.

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CVC Board Members

Jo Ann Phillips, chair, Louisville

Larry E. Forgy, Lexington

Michael Plummer, Fort Mitchell

Thomas V. Handy, London

James F. Sullivan, Frankfort

In the Voice of Victims...

"When we realized that the medical bills were overwhelming and we couldn't keep up with all of them, we started the process of filing a claim. (*The Investigator*) of the CVCB was extremely helpful. She answered all of our questions, and at one point when I called her with a question and just happened to mention that we were receiving calls from collection companies, she advised me to write letters to them stating that we had filed a claim, and that we could refer them to the CVCB office to verify. That was truly a life-saver for us as it eliminated much of the added stress. We really appreciated the CVCB staff helping to make the claim process manageable during a difficult time."

Robin



*Back row from left: Michael Plummer, Larry Forgy and Tom Handy
Front row from left: James Sullivan and Jo Ann Phillips*

"(CVCB) helped to pay up bills (my sister) had accumulated over the year she was waiting for her SSDI to start... It continues to help with things she needs that she could not afford on her monthly check. With being a victim of crime that has destroyed any chance of her having the life she had before, this is a blessing to us. She has lost so much.. this is great in helping to replace some things. God bless and thank you."

Karen

"When I called your office it was so good to hear such a pleasant and kind voice on the other end. At that point I was barely hanging on to my sanity and in a desperate situation. I didn't know how I was going to pay for my son's ... funeral after he was brutally shot down in a ... parking lot. ...Thank you for all your help and being there when my need was so great. You are truly an answer to my prayers and such a blessing to me. I will never forget the compassion and kindness that I was shown."

Lillian

"The Crime Victims Compensation Board was a tremendous help to me mentally, emotionally and financially. My case worker ... was excellent and she was a wonderful inspiration to me as well. Thank you Crime Victims Compensation Board for everything you did for me. I would not have made it through this terrible accident that happened to me without your help and your prayers. I am very grateful and most appreciative of everything."

Tyanne

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Currently the cap for payments is an aggregate of \$25,000, with funeral expenses paid up to \$5000 and loss of wages reimbursed up to \$150 a week. Mental health counseling is reimbursed for up to two years.

Revenue sources for payment of claims include a Kentucky general fund allocation, a restricted fund that is replenished through court costs assessments statewide, and federal matching grants renewed on a yearly basis.

Restitution has previously been a very small part of replenishing the restricted fund. In the coming year, CVCB staff will be working to establish a more robust collection system in partnership and cooperation with other law enforcement agencies.

CVCB Staff

Richard Dinkins, exec dir, 04/01/05—12/30/08

Virginia Woodward, exec dir, 5/01/09—

Lindsay Crawford, policy advisor, 5/01/09—

Cynthia Newton, internal policy analyst,
11/16/98 to 12/31/08

Larry Hembree, internal policy analyst,
12/16/08—

Carol Ruble, admin spec, 1/19/2000 to
12/31/08

Jennifer Barrie, admin spec, 2/15/09—

Sheila Tharpe, clerk, 1/16/84 to 12/31/08

Beth Hicks, clerk, 12/16/08

Mitchell Mattingly, counsel, 08/01/00—

(acting exec dir, 1/01/09—5/01/09)

Patti Bright, investigator, 09/16/08

Martin Green, investigator, 09/16/04—

Nancy Polley, sexual assault program coordinator,
10/12/99 to 02/03/09

Stephanie Vandever, investigator, 08/01/1999—

Kay Young, sexual assault program coordinator,
(temp) 02/15/09—

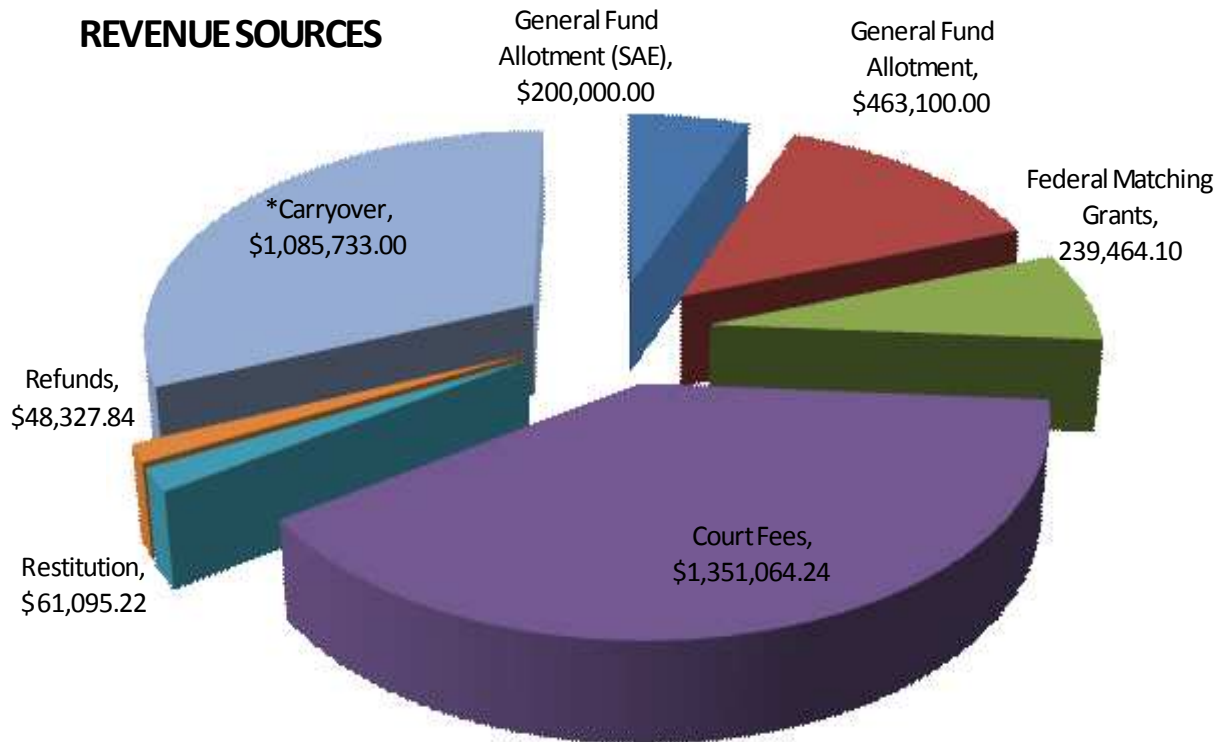
CVCB Snapshot

Claims received:	1350
Claims awarded:	877 (CV—152; Sexual Assault Exams—725)
Claims assigned to Board members:	560
Claims assigned to investigators:	374
Claims denied:	332

Accomplishments

- Trained newly hired staff replacing retired staff; trained newly appointed exec dir and policy advisor
- Revised agency brochure
- Revised Crime Victims Compensation application
- Began revision of processor/investigator checklist
- Cross trained policy advisor and administrative specialist / receptionist to process claims
- Began process of updating tracking system
- Began creating agency protocol / procedural binder
- Revised budgetary procedure to equally distribute federal funds throughout the four-year budget period and life of each grant, thus facilitating an increase in the grant amount awarded for the next fiscal year.
- Instituted a Wellness Program to encourage healthy lifestyle habits among staff

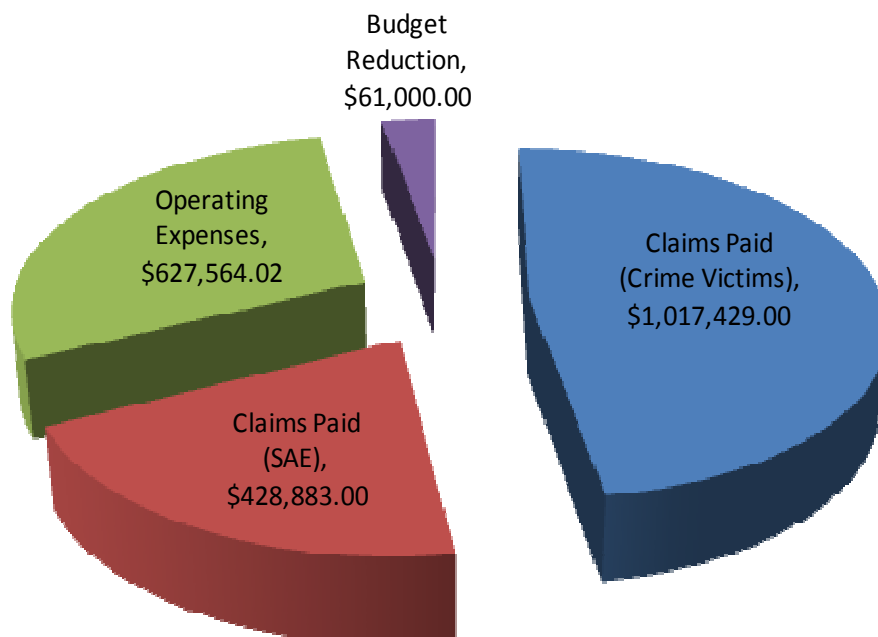
CVCB Budget



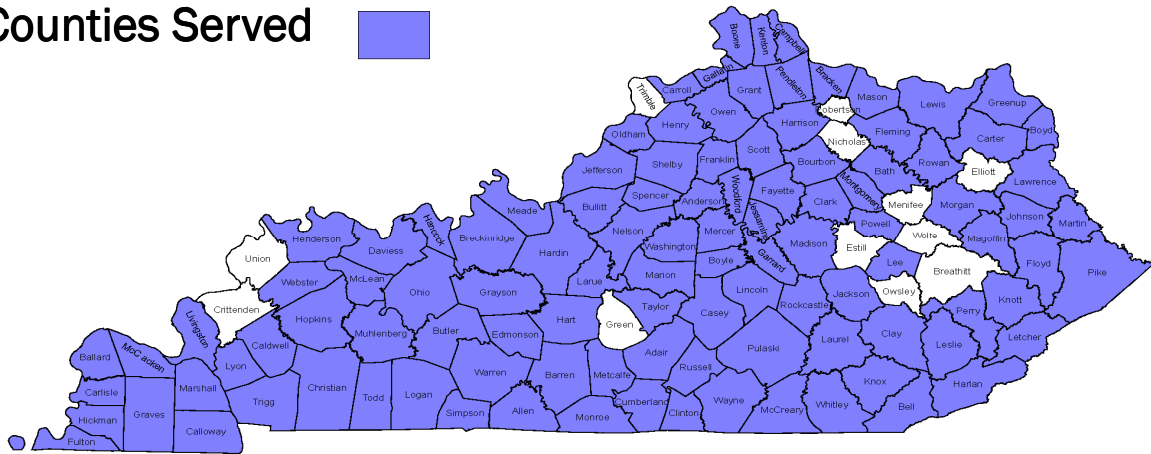
There has been a change in CVCB fiscal policy for the next fiscal year to increase quarterly spending of the general fund allotment over the federal grant allotment. This will increase the required match for the grant, thus increasing the amount that can be awarded through the federal grant for the next grant cycle.

* \$500,000 of this amount has been earmarked for the 2009 General Fund, to be removed April 2010.

EXPENDITURES



Counties Served



County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Adair	\$5,092.00	4
Allen	\$1,510.00	3
Anderson	\$550.00	3
Ballard	\$2,076.00	4
Barren	\$10,106.47	30
Bath	\$0	1
Bell	\$8,583.19	1
Boone	\$28,718.11	33
Bourbon	\$7,264.00	5
Boyd	\$4,064.00	17
Boyle	\$15,942.58	4
Bracken	\$765.74	2
Breathitt	\$0	0
Breckinridge	\$650.00	2
Bullitt	\$11,080.00	16
Butler	\$0	2
Caldwell	\$511.79	3
Calloway	\$7,111.80	8
Campbell	\$47,104.23	20
Carlisle	\$450.00	2
Carroll	\$25,621.95	2
Carter	\$16,584.99	7
Casey	\$988.00	3
Christian	\$48,595.32	23
Clark	\$22,204.26	8
Clay	\$538.00	1

County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Clinton	\$2,427.00	3
Crittenden	\$0	0
Cumberland	\$0	1
Daviess	\$46,080.48	50
Edmonson	\$434.00	2
Elliott	\$0	0
Estill	\$0	0
Fayette	\$105,672.34	129
Fleming	\$2,887.40	6
Floyd	\$1,937.00	6
Franklin	\$31,210.32	13
Fulton	\$4,344.75	5
Gallatin	\$0	1
Garrard	\$1,678.90	5
Grant	\$19,840.53	4
Graves	\$983.00	7
Grayson	\$2,321.93	5
Green	\$1999.60	
Greenup	\$17,212.47	7
Hancock	\$1,050.00	4
Hardin	\$13,337.06	31
Harlan	\$1,287.07	4
Harrison	\$6,962.00	1
Hart	\$185.14	2
Henderson	\$6,637.65	10
Henry	\$10,187.84	3

County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Hickman	\$794.60	5
Hopkins	\$0	9
Jackson	\$1,100.00	2
Jefferson	\$351,479.22	353
Jessamine	\$4,373.08	10
Johnson	\$9,390.35	3
Kenton	\$121,178.80	81
Knott	\$0	2
Knox	\$6,160.00	12
Larue	\$25,538.00	1
Laurel	\$6,321.07	17
Lawrence	\$12,111.18	2
Lee	\$0	2
Leslie	\$18,266.31	1
Letcher	\$5,000.00	2
Lewis	\$672.68	2
Lincoln	\$25,000.00	1
Livingston	\$900.00	3
Logan	\$5,808.36	22
Lyon	\$5,850.00	1
Madison	\$19,115.38	27
Magoffin	\$5,000.00	2
Marion	\$900.00	5
Marshall	\$6,345.70	6
Martin	\$0	4
Mason	\$4,235.49	7
McLean	\$623.00	3
McCracken	\$58,143.38	31
McCreary	\$0	1
Meade	\$1,438.00	5
Menifee	\$0	0
Mercer	\$5,712.00	8
Metcalfe	\$29,624.98	2
Monroe	\$389.25	3
Montgomery	\$23,525.77	4

County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Morgan	\$5,450.00	2
Muhlenberg	\$697.00	12
Nelson	\$1,250.00	3
Nicholas	\$0	0
Ohio	\$250.00	5
Oldham	\$4,488.00	12
Owen	\$1,100.00	3
Owsley	\$0	0
Pendleton	\$13,235.04	7
Perry	\$0	2
Pike	\$19,560.74	17
Powell	\$11,101.25	2
Pulaski	\$2,852.00	7
Robertson	\$0	0
Rockcastle	\$538.00	1
Rowan	\$1,088.85	5
Russell	\$3,287.00	8
Scott	\$20,630.51	10
Shelby	\$900.00	2
Simpson	\$14,399.00	8
Spencer	\$0	1
Taylor	\$538.00	8
Todd	\$538.00	2
Trigg	\$1,988.00	9
Trimble	\$0	0
Union	\$0	0
Warren	\$31,792.09	63
Washington	\$14,068.98	2
Wayne	\$1,750.00	3
Webster	\$0	0
Whitley	\$4,308.50	3
Wolfe	\$0	0
Woodford	\$0	4
Out of State	\$450.00	5



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